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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BPM OFFICIAL TO US

1. JOHN O'NEILL, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY (EB/TD), HAS BEEN ASKED BY BPM OFFICIALS ABOUT FEASIBILITY OF USG EXTENDING INVITATION TO BPM STATE SECRETARY ELIAS TO VISIT US FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 10. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EXTEND INVITATION TO ELIAS IN THE NAME OF THE USG ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT FRG WILL ASSUME ALL COSTS OF TRIP, AND ONLY IF EMBASSY IS SATISFIED ELIAS' ENGLISH IS SUFFICIENTLY GOOD SO AS TO OBIATE NEED FOR INTERPRETER (UNLESS INTERPRETER ALSO ACCOMPANIES ELIAS AT FRG EXPENSE).

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2. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS VISIT, PRIOR TO EXTENDING INVITATION WITH BPM OFFICIALS INVOLVED. . THEY ARE

HEINRICH VENHAUS (TELEPHONE 2221-142300), J. HASS (TELEPHONE 2221-142339) AND MR. G. HAUSMANN (TELEPHONE 2221-142220). WE UNDERSTAND VENHAUS AND HASS ARE PRESENTLY ON HOLIDAY.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE BPM OFFICIALS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF ELIAS WERE TO SCHEDULE HIS TRIP SO AS

TO ARRIVE AFTER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY PERIOD. WE SUGGEST THAT ELIAS VISIT WASHINGTON FIRST FOR ABOUT 2-3 DAYS. WE WOULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH OFFICIALS IN THE DEPARTMENT, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. TWO US COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES WHICH HAVE CONTACTS WITH THE BPM ARE HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON, COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (COMSAT) AND TRT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. SHOULD ELIAS WISH, WE COULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH OFFICIALS OF THESE COMPANIES. FINALLY, WHILE IN WASHINGTON, ELIAS MIGHT CALL ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT). THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OR WE, COULD CONTACT INTELSAT.

4. WE ALSO SUGGEST ELIAS SPEND 2-3 DAYS IN NEW YORK. US COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK WHICH HAVE BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH THE BPM ARE AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS INC., ITT WORLD COMMUNICATIONS INC., AND WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL. WE COULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELIAS WITH OFFICIALS OF THESE COMPANIES.

5. SHOULD HE BE INTERESTED, ATT OFFICIALS WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A TOUR OF BELL LABORATORIES WHICH ARE IN NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA, AND THE POSTAL SERVICE WOULD BE WILLING TO ARRANGE TOUR OF FACILITIES IN NEW YORK AND/OR WASHINGTON.

6. IF FRG DECIDES TO PURSUE TRIP FOR ELIAS, IT SHOULD ADVISE ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT JOHN J. O'NEILL, 632-3405, WILL COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS. IN HIS ABSENCE, ARTHUR L. FREEMAN, 632-1007 WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH PLANS. VANCE

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